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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/12/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/2004; 10/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because drawing 2, appears to have German in place of English. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 (ln. 8) recites the limitation "the" in "the measured spectra"; Claim 3 (ln. 2) recites the limitation "the" in "the distance, the orientation and the projection space"; Claim 5 (ln. 7 and 9) recites the limitation "the" in "the transformation space, the measured spectra"; Claim 6 (ln. 2) recites the limitation "the" in "the referenced spectra"; Claim 7 (ln. 2 and 3) recites the limitation "the" in "the referenced spectra; the directions"; and Claim 8 (ln. 2) recites the limitation "the" in "the nearest neighbor"; . There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claims.

Because of the above indefiniteness, the examiner shall interpret the claims as broadly as reasonable, read in light of the specifications.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiederhoeft (6,300,639), in view of Olschewski (US 7,006,675).

Wiederhoeft discloses a process and arrangement for the device configuration of confocal microscopes comprising the same microscope system for the analysis and evaluation of multiple colorings in a microscopic specimen, comprising:

a scanning microscope that defines an illuminating light beam and a detected light beam (fig. 6, el. 8, 1 and 9);

an SP module that is arranged in the detected light beam in front of at least one detector (el. 24, 25, 26, 27 and 23); and

a computer system with a memory (el. 28 and D1-D4), wherein a database is provided in which discrete dye spectra are stored (D1-D4) as specified in claims 1 and 5. It is noted that Wiederhoeft does not particularly disclose the computer system encompasses a software program that performs a transformation of the data of the ascertained spectra and a transformation of the dye spectra stored in the database; and the software program allocates the transformed dye spectra to the measured spectra, in which context a comparison can be performed as specified in claims 1 and 5.

Olschewski teaches the using of software to transform optical signals into electrical signals and digital signals (col. 4, ln. 29-54). And, therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of by using software to transform measured dyes into digital signals for comparison purposes. Doing so would help to detect differences between multiple spectra.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Labrenz (US 6,333,501) discloses methods, apparatus, and articles of manufacture for performing spectral calibration.

b. Short (US 7,033,781) discloses cellular transformation, directed evolution, and screening methods.


c. Kermani et al (US 2006/0041384 A1) discloses automated information processing in randomly ordered arrays.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon T. Diep whose telephone number is 571-272-7328. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on 571-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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